



How to Vote in Michigan

Voters with disabilities, get ready and vote in the General Election on or before November 3, 2020, with this voter guide, prepared by AAPD's REV UP.



1. Registering to Vote

- **How can I register to vote?** You can register online at [Michigan's online registration portal](#) or by downloading and mailing [this form](#). If you have already registered, you can double-check your voter registration status at [vote.org](#).
- **When do I need to register?** Make sure to register by mail or online by October 19th, or you can register in-person on Election Day.
- **Do I need an ID?** You will likely need to have a Michigan address and a Michigan ID, or a social security number if you don't have a state ID.
- **Can I vote if I have a disability?** Yes! People with disabilities who are at least 18 years old have the right to vote. Your vote matters and is protected by laws to ensure voting is accessible, independent, and private. If you have a guardian, you can still vote. Contact your [local Protection and Advocacy](#) agency for help understanding or restoring your vote.



2. Learning about the Issues

- **What people or laws can I vote for?** Enter your home address in [Ballotpedia's Sample Ballot Lookup](#) to find out what is on your ballot. Learn about policy changes on the ballot, called "ballot measures," on [Michigan's election website](#).



3. Voting in Person

- **Where do I need to go to vote?** If you are registered to vote, you can find your polling place through [this online portal](#).

- **When can I vote?** Michigan does allow in-person early voting, so you can vote between September 21st and November 2nd and avoid lines on election day!
- **Can I vote from a car if the polling place is inaccessible?** Yes, Michigan does allow voters to request a ballot from a car, if a polling place is inaccessible.
- **What if I want assistance with my ballot?** You may choose someone (except your boss, union agent, or a candidate) to assist you in marking your ballot.
- **Do I need an ID?** Yes, you will need to bring an acceptable photo ID to the polling place. If you do not have a photo ID, you will need to sign an affidavit. For more information, click [here](#).

4. Voting by Mail

- **Can I vote by mail?** Yes, if you have a disability, you can vote absentee in Michigan. In fact, any voter in your state can by absentee ballot for this election.
- **How do I request a mail ballot?** You can either request a ballot online or you can print the application out and send it in to your local election clerk. Check out [this link](#) for more information.
- **When do I need to request my ballot?** Your request must be received by October 30th. Request your ballot as soon as possible to make sure that your ballot is received on time.
- **How do I fill out my ballot?** Michigan allows voters with disabilities to request an electronic absentee or Vote by Mail ballot that can be completed electronically and then printed out. For more information, [click here](#).
- **What if I want assistance with my ballot?** You may choose someone (except your boss, union agent, or a candidate) to assist you in marking your ballot. If someone helps you fill out your ballot, they must sign the envelope.
- **How do I return my ballot?** You can mail your ballot in, drop it off at the local elections office or use a drop box . Your ballot must be received by 8:00pm on November 3rd, so request your ballot as soon as possible if you plan to vote by mail!

- **Do I need an ID?** You will need to provide an ID when requesting a mail-in ballot [online](#).
- **Can I track my ballot?** Yes, you can track your ballot on [Michigan's election website](#).

5. Additional Resources

- **Where can I find more info on how to vote?** Check out [Michigans's Voter Guide](#) or contact your local elections office:

Department of State

Address: 430 W. Allegan St. 4th Floor Lansing, MI 48918

Phone: 1-888-SOS-MICH (767-6424), 517-335-2730

Email: <https://mdossupport.happyfox.com/new/>

Website: <https://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127-1633---,00.html>

- **What if I am having trouble voting or registering to vote?** If you have any trouble voting, contact your local Protection and Advocacy organization:

Disability Rights Michigan

Address: 4095 Legacy Pkwy, Lansing, MI 48911-4264

Phone: 517-487-1755, 800-288-5923 (Voice), 517-374-4687 (TTY)

Email: <https://www.drmich.org/contact/>

Website: <https://www.drmich.org/>

- **What if I have more questions?** Check out these resources:

- [Guardianship and Voting Laws](#)
- [Resources for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Voters](#)
- [Resources for Blind and Low Vision Voters](#)
- [Easy Read and Plain Language Voting Resources](#)
- [ASL Hotline](#): 301-818-VOTE (301-818-8683)
- [Election Protection Hotline](#): 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)
- [Michigan Election Dates](#)
- [Michigan Voting Website](#)
- [Incarceration and Voting Rights](#)
- [Help with Getting a Voter ID](#) and [Help with Getting a Printed Absentee Ballot Application](#)

